REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-9, 11-18, 20-26, 28, 30-32, and 34-37 are all the claims pending in the

application. By this Amendment, Applicants cancel claims 4, 10, 19, 27, 29, and 33 without

prejudice or disclaimer.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 22, 35, and 36 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being

unpatentable over Iverson (U.S. Patent No. 6,957,075) and Zancho (U.S. Patent No. 5,814,798).

Claims 4, 8-16, 18-21, and 23-34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being

unpatentable over Iverson, Zancho, and Dong *et al*. (U.S. Pub. No. 2002/0105543, hereinafter

"Dong"). Claim 7 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over

Iverson, Zancho, and Nakajima (U.S. Patent No. 7,095,456). Claim 37 stands rejected under 35

U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Iverson, Zancho, and Miller *et al*. (U.S. Pub.

No. 2003/0046557, hereinafter "Miller"). Claim 17 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as

allegedly being unpatentable over Iverson, Dong, Zancho, and Nakajima.

Applicants do not acquiesce to these rejections. In order to expedite prosecution,

however, Applicants amend independent claims 1, 8, 13, 22, 28, and 30 to include the features of

claims 4, 10, 19, 27, 29, and 33, respectively. Applicants respectfully submit that the

amendments place the application in immediate condition for allowance. For example, the

amended claims recite, in some variation, that the UI support module further comprises a data

format determining unit for determining whether the searched input/output module provided by

the input/output module selecting unit can process a type of data of the UI support module,

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through a table where the input/output modules and data formats that can be processed in

respective input/output modules of the table are mapped.

The Examiner acknowledges that Iverson and Zancho do not teach this feature, and relies

on paragraphs [0019], [0020], [0030], [0031], and [0033] of Dong as allegedly making up for

this deficiency (November 24' 2008 Final Office Action, page 9, paragraph 4-1). Applicants

respectfully disagree.

Dong is directed to a user interface loader (UIL) which provides an operation menu for a

hardware device (e.g., a VCR) on a display screen (e.g., a TV) rather than the conventional

method of providing the operational menu on the hardware device itself (Dong, paragraphs

[0006] and [0013]). In the cited paragraphs, Dong merely discloses that based on an identifier of

the hardware device, the UIL searches a local storage or a remote storage for a user interface

corresponding to the hardware device identifier (e.g., paragraphs [0019]-[0020]). As noted

above, the amended independent claims recite determining whether the **searched** input/output

module provided by the input/output module selecting unit <u>can process a type of data of the UI</u>

<u>support module, through a table where the input/output modules and data formats that can be</u>

<u>processed in respective input/output modules of the table are mapped</u>. On the other hand, once

the user interface is found in Dong, Dong does not teach or suggest performing any type of check

on the found user interface to ensure that it is compatible. Accordingly, Dong alone, or in

combination with Iverson and Zancho, does not teach or suggest the above-noted feature of

claims 1, 8, 13, 22, 28, and 30.

The dependent claims, namely claims 2, 3, 5-7, 9, 11, 12, 14-18, 20, 21, 23-26, 31, 32,

and 34-37, are patentable *at least* by virtue of their dependencies.

Since claims 4, 10, 19, 27, 29, and 33 have been canceled, the rejection thereto is

rendered moot.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed

to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the

Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is

kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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